

Patent

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): James P. Baukus, et al) Re: Information Disclosure  
Statement  
Serial No.: 10/619,981 ) Group: not yet assigned  
Filed: July 14, 2003 ) Examiner: not yet assigned  
For: "PROGRAMMABLE CONNECTOR/  
ISOLATOR AND DOUBLE..." ) Our Ref: B-3947DIV 621039-4  
Date: September 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA, 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits. We are enclosing herewith a copy of each document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified).

It should be noted that the above-identified application is related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 09/882,900, filed June 15, 2001, 09/363,826, filed October 25, 2000, 10/132,523, filed April 24, 2002, 09/882,892, filed June 15, 2001, 09/768,904, filed January 24, 2001, 60/378,155, filed May 14, 2002, and 10/438,689, filed May 14, 2003. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application.

The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) include those cited in the International Search Report for a related PCT application no. PCT/US02/00123 (4 pages), those cited in the PCT Written Opinion for a related PCT application no. PCT/US02/00123 (4 pages), those cited in an Official Action for a related U.S. Application No. 10/132,523, which was mailed on May 9, 2003, and those cited in an Official Action for a related U.S.

Information Disclosure Statement  
USSN 10/619,981  
September 4, 2003  
Page 2

Application No. 09/768,904, which was mailed on November 7, 2002.  
A copy of the International Search Report and a copy of the PCT  
Written Opinion are enclosed herewith.

Please note that Japanese Document No. 10-256398, which is listed  
in the enclosed Search Report, was previously cited in an IDS  
filed on July 14, 2003 for the subject application. Therefore, a  
copy of this document is not included with this IDS.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) shall  
not be construed as a representation that a search has been made  
(37 C.F.R. 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is,  
or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no  
other material information exists.

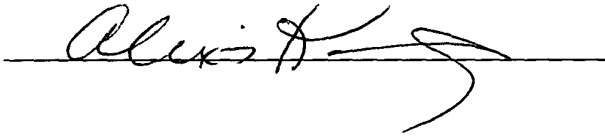
The Applicants believe that this IDS is being submitted before the  
issuance of a first Office Action on the merits and before the  
issuance of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance. Therefore,  
no official fees should be due; and this IDS should be considered  
on the merits. If this IDS is being submitted after the issuance  
of the first Office Action on the merits and before the issuance  
of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, please contact the  
undersigned to authorize a payment of \$180.00 (or any other  
required amount), which is the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §  
1.97(c), if the Examiner believes that such a fee is due in order  
for this IDS to be considered on the merits.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be  
construed as an admission against interest in any manner. (Notice  
of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.)

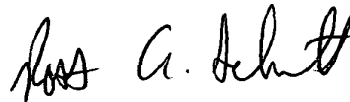
Information Disclosure Statement  
USSN 10/619,981  
September 4, 2003  
Page 3

The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of information supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)) and on the basis of information in the practitioner's file.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450", on September 4, 2003 by Alexis Karriker.



Respectfully submitted,



Ross A. Schmitt  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 42,529

LADAS & PARRY  
5670 Wilshire Boulevard  
Suite 2100  
Los Angeles, CA 90036  
(323) 934-2300

Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (modified) (1 page)  
Copy of Search Report for PCT/US02/00123 (4 pages)  
Copy of Written Opinion for PCT/US02/00123 (4 pages)  
Copy of documents listed on Form PTO-1449 (modified)



Information Disclosure Statement  
USSN 10/619,981  
September 4, 2003  
Page 4

|  |                                       |                               |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Form PTO-1449 (Modified)                         | ATTY DOCKET NO.<br>B-3947DIV 621039-4 | U.S. SERIAL NO.<br>10/619,981 |
| LIST OF PATENTS AND<br>PUBLICATIONS<br>STATEMENT | APPLICANTS<br>James P. Baukus, et al. |                               |
|  | FILING DATE<br>July 14, 2003          | GROUP<br>not yet assigned     |

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| EXAMINER<br>INITIAL | DOCUMENT<br>NUMBER | ISSUE DATE | NAME             | CLASS | SUB-<br>CLASS | FILING DATE<br>or 102(e)<br>DATE IF<br>APPROPRIATE |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|-------|---------------|--|
|                     | 4,101,344          | 7/1978     | Kooi et al.      | 148   | 1.5           |  |
|                     | 5,177,589          | 1/1993     | Kobayashi et al. | 257   | 773           |  |
|                     | 5,345,105          | 9/1994     | Sun et al.       | 257   | 659           |  |
|                     | 5,384,475          | 1/1995     | Yahata           | 257   | 314           |  |
|                     | 5,930,667          | 7/1999     | Oda              | 438   | 622           |  |
|                     | 5,998,257          | 12/1999    | Lane et al.      | 438   | 253           |  |
|                     | 6,080,614          | 6/2000     | Neilson et al.   | 438   | 238           |  |
|                     | 6,093,609          | 7/2000     | Chuang           | 438   | 286           |  |
|                     | 6,365,453<br>B1    | 4/2002     | Deboer et al.    | 438   | 253           |  |
|                     | 6,503,787<br>B1    | 1/2003     | Choi             | 438   | 214           |  |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| DOCUMENT NUMBER | PUBLICATION<br>DATE | COUNTRY | CLASS | SUBCLASS | TRANSLATION<br>YES/NO |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|-------|----------|-----------------------|
| 0 920 057 A2    | 6/1999              | EP      |       |          |                       |

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

|  |
|--|
|  |
|--|

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| EXAMINER | DATE CONSIDERED |
|          |                 |

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.